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PENCIL SHARPENER
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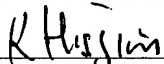
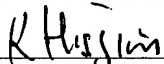
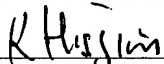
This Reply is responsive to the Office Action dated March 2, 2004, in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and reexamination of this application are requested respectfully in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification being on page 2 of this paper.

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Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.

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<p align="center"><u>TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE:</u></p> <p>Transmitted herewith is:</p> <p>Reply to Office Action dated March 2, 2004.</p> <p align="right">RECEIVED MAY 07 2004 TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700</p> <p>in the above identified application.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$18.00 is attached.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. 19-5425 as described below.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Charge the amount of</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Credit any overpayment.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charge any additional fee required.</p> <p> Signature</p> <p>Dated: April 30, 2004</p> <p>Gregory S. Bernabeo, Reg. No. 44,032 Synnstvedt & Lechner LLP 2600 Aramark Tower 1101 Market Street Philadelphia, PA 19107-2950 Tel: 215-923-4466 Fax: 215-923-2189</p> <p align="center">Commissioner For Patents</p> <table border="1"><tr><td>I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on April 30, 2004 with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.</td></tr><tr><td> Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence</td></tr><tr><td>Kathy P. Higgins Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence</td></tr></table>				I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on April 30, 2004 with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.	 Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence	Kathy P. Higgins Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence
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